

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (cancelled)
2. (currently amended) ~~Particulates~~ The creamer, whitener or non-dairy cream alternative according to claim 19, wherein the triglycerides of fatty acids are dispersed in the matrix material, ~~preferably~~ as discrete regions.
3. (currently amended) ~~Particulates~~ The creamer, whitener or non-dairy cream alternative according to claim 19, wherein the triglycerides of fatty acids are dispersed in the matrix material as oil or fat droplets, crystals or particles.
4. (currently amended) ~~Particulates~~ The creamer, whitener or non-dairy cream alternative according to claim 19, wherein said triglycerides of fatty acids are present as oil or fat droplets or crystals which droplets or crystals are at least partly covered by or encapsulated with the matrix material.
- 5-7. (cancelled)
8. (currently amended) ~~Particulates~~ The creamer, whitener or non-dairy cream alternative according to claim 19, wherein at least 60% by weight of the particulates has a size of 1-1000 μm , ~~preferably~~ 10-600 μm .

9. (currently amended) ~~Particulates~~ The creamer, whitener or non-dairy cream alternative according to claim 19, wherein at least 60% by weight of the oil or fat fat droplets, crystals or particles has a size of 0.05-100 μm , preferably 0.1-20 μm .

10. (currently amended) ~~Particulates~~ The creamer, whitener or non-dairy cream alternative according to claim 19, wherein said amount of H3 + H2U is at least 65% wt based on the total amount of triglycerides.

11. (currently amended) ~~Particulates~~ The creamer, whitener or non-dairy cream alternative according to claim 19, wherein the amount of H3 (triglyceride of 3 saturated fatty acids of 16 or more carbon atoms) (H3) is at least ~~20%~~ 15% wt based on the total amount of triglycerides, preferably at least 20%.

12. (currently amended) ~~Particulates~~ The creamer, whitener or non-dairy cream alternative according to claim 19, wherein the amount of H2U (triglyceride of 2 saturated fatty acids of 16 or more carbon atoms and 1 cis-unsaturated fatty acid) (H2U) taken together is at least 40% wt based on the total amount of triglycerides.

13. (currently amended) ~~Particulates~~ The creamer, whitener or non-dairy cream alternative according to claim 19, wherein the ratio H3 / H2U is between 0.5 and 1.2.

14-18. (cancelled)

19. (previously presented) Creamer, whitener or non-dairy cream alternative comprising 10-100% of the particulates, ~~according to claim~~ said particulates comprising:
about 20-85% wt of a matrix material comprising a protein selected from the group consisting of a dairy protein, hydrolysed protein, gelatin, soy protein, and mixtures thereof; and

about 15-80% wt of triglycerides of fatty acids, wherein of said triglycerides the amount of triglyceride of 3 saturated fatty acids of 16 or more carbon atoms (H3) and triglyceride of 2 saturated fatty acids of 16 or more carbon atoms and 1 cis-unsaturated fatty acid (H2U) taken together is at least about 55% wt based on the total amount of triglycerides.

20. (currently amended) A soup or sauce concentrate composition comprising 2-50% wt salt, 0-30% wt MSG, 0-50% fat, 0-20% wt herbs and/or spices, 0-30% wt vegetable particulates, 0-30% wt starch-based thickener and ~~further comprising 0.1-65% wt (preferably 2-50% wt) of the particulates according to claim 1~~ comprising:

about 20-85% wt of a matrix material comprising a protein selected from the group consisting of a dairy protein, hydrolysed protein, gelatin, soy protein, and mixtures thereof; and

about 15-80% wt of triglycerides of fatty acids, wherein of said triglycerides the amount of triglyceride of 3 saturated fatty acids of 16 or more carbon atoms (H3) and triglyceride of 2 saturated fatty acids of 16 or more carbon atoms and 1 cis-unsaturated fatty acid (H2U) taken together is at least about 55% wt based on the total amount of triglycerides.

21. (original) Composition according to claim 20 in the form of flakes, granules, powder or agglomerated or pressed to a cube, pellet, or tablet.

22-25. (canceled)

26. (currently amended) Process for preparing a liquid or pasty sauce, soup or concentrate of such a sauce or soup, which process includes the step of including 0.1-65% wt (~~preferably 2-50% wt~~) of the ~~particulates-creamer, whitener or non-dairy cream~~ alternative according to claim 19 in such liquid or pasty sauce, soup or concentrate of such a sauce or soup.